Dewan's reply.—It is for the people of these villages to apply for the change if they desire it.

Subject No. 208.
Supari halat rates and procedure.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) A duty of 12 annas per maund is levied on arecanut produced in this Province, while no duty at all is levied on the article imported from Her Majesty's territories. This greatly handicaps the arecanut gardeners of this Province. Something should be done to redress this grievance.

(*b*). When in the last Assembly representation was made of the difficulties experienced by raiyats owing to the two inspections which arecanut produce has to undergo by Patels, it was ordered that Patels should estimate the quantity of nut just after its removal from trees and actually weigh it after it is cut, boiled and dried. But no instructions were given as to the manner of estimating. It is requested that the practice current in other Districts may be ordered to be adopted in the Tumkur District also.

Dewan's reply.—These rates and inconveniences are of long standing. A suitable remedy is under the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 209.
Certain temples in Tiptur Taluk requiring attention.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The temple of Sri Bya. tarayaswami in Nonavinkere owns Sarvamanya Inams to the extent of 77 acres and 33 guntas assessed at Rs. 155, and the Government also pays a tasdik of Rs. 5-13-0 monthly. Besides this devotees contribute largely every year in the form of cash, jewels and utensils. A sum of Rs. 1,500 has been collected by devotees to meet the cost of the repairs of this temple. With all this nobody is held responsible for the preservation of all this valuable property. The Government is requested, to appoint a committee of trustworthy persons and also an agent to work under the orders of this committee.

(*b*). The temple of Gopal Krishnaswami also at Nonavinkere has a large Puduvat Fund at its credit and gets an annual allowance of Rs. 40-9-0 from the Government. With all this, worship is not properly carried on, and the temple itself is greatly in need of repair. The Government is requested to get the temple repaired, receiving part of the expenses from the villagers and also to appoint some one for the management of the temple affairs.

(*c*). In the villages of Aralaguppe and Vignasante, there are holy temples greatly in need of repair. The people pray that these temples may be repaired partly at Government expense and partly at the expense of the villagers. The temple at Vignasante owns some Inams which are, however, in the possession of persons not connected with the temple. It is requested that the Government may enquire into the matter and restore the Inams for the benefit of temple.